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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, HIGHWAY AGENTS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

Town of Plaistow

For the Year Ending January 31st, 1918

TOGETHER WITH
THE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1917 AS PREPARED BY THE TOWN CLERK

Hamilton Smith
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TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICERS ELECTED BIENNIALLY

Representative to General Court

Fred P. Hill

Moderator

Fred P. Hill

Supervisors

Frank W. Shannon John Badger

Abram Jenness

OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY

Selectmen, Assessors and Road Agents

Arthur W. Sawyer Theodore Fecteau

William P Warner

Treasurer

Roy E. Peaslee

Collector of Taxes

Joseph S. Hills

Town Clerk

Joseph S. Hills

Constable

John Badger

Trustees of Public Library

Maud Smith Annie L. Dow

Nellie W. Hills

Librarian

Mrs. Margaret T. Ryder

Board of Health

E. A. Landman, M. D.

Auditors

Clifton E. Collins

Fred P. Hill

Police

Forrest S. Davis
George H. Tucker
Henry E. Challis
Joseph W. Sargent

John Badger
Eugene P. Davis
Fred Leavitt
George Lefebore

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Plaistow on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and one delegate to a convention to revise the constitution of the state.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for the sum of ($50.00) fifty dollars, the right to construct and maintain and operate lines of telephone and telegraph with the necessary wires and fixtures thereon upon and across the Town Cemetery Lot, such right being more particularly described as the exclusive right to erect and maintain poles with the wires thereon with the necessary guys and supports and the right to cut down and keep trimmed all trees and bushes, as the grantee may desire within a strip of land thirty (30) feet in width upon and over said premises including the right of access to said strip for all the above purposes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise ($1,000.00) one thousand dollars as a benevolent war fund the expenditure of such fund to be under the jurisdiction of a committee of three to be chosen by the Selectmen.

5. To see if the Town will vote to co-operate with the Massachusetts Northeastern Street Railway Company in the construction of approximately one thousand feet of snow fences, the original construction and subsequent repairs and maintenance to be borne equally by the Town and Company. The Company to take upon themselves the work of erecting and taking down the fences upon sites to be later agreed upon by the Selectmen and a representative of the Company.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise ($1,250.00) one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for State Aid Maintenance.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise ($392.00) three hundred and ninety-two dollars so as to participate in the State Highway Aid for Trunk Line Construction.

8. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the observance of Memorial Day and other celebrations.

9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise for the support of the Public Library.

10. To choose one Trustee for the Public Library for three years.

11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Street Lighting.

12. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

13. To choose one Trustee for the Moses B. Dow Fund for three years.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise ($500.00) five hundred dollars as a sinking fund for the payment of Town Bonds maturing in 1920.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise ($100.00) one hundred dollars for the purpose of making a water reservoir for fire purposes.

16. To see if the Town will choose five Firewards or Engineers, according to Chapter 115 of the Public Statutes.

17. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain an electric street light at the junction of Sweet Hill Avenue and Cifu Lane and make appropriation for the same.

18. To see if the Town will vote to place new guide boards or signs at the principal roads or streets in said town and make appropriation for the same.

19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Budget of appropriation as posted and submitted by the committee.

20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen.

ARTHUR W. SAWYER,
THEODORE FECTEAU,
WILLIAM P. WARNER,
Selectmen of Plaistow.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ARTHUR W. SAWYER,
THEODORE FECTEAU,
WILLIAM P. WARNER,
Selectmen of Plaistow.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Feb. 1, 1918, to Jan. 31, 1919.

Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Feb. 16, 1917, to Jan. 31, 1918.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES.

Current Maintenance Expenses:

	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1918
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries,	$ 700 00
Town Officers' Expenses,	50 00
Election and Registration Expenses,	75 00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall,	325 00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department,	25 00
Fire Department,	250 00
Moth Extermination,	150 00
Health:	
Health Department,	50 00
Vital Statistics,	25 00

Highways and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance, town's contribution,		1,250 00
Trunk Line Maintenance, town's contribution,	$1,960 00	
Town Maintenance, Trunk Line,	784 00	
		1,176 00
Fireman's Relief Association,		100 00
Street Lighting,		550 00
Education:		
Libraries,		175 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations,		100 00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Town reports,		60 00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans,		500 00
On Bonded Debt,		350 00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges:		
Trunk Line Construction, state's contribution,	$392 00	
Trunk Line Construction, town's contribution,	784 00	
		1,176 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Taxes,		570 00
County Taxes,		1,599 42
Town Bond,		500 00
Water Reservoir,		100 00

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW

April 1, 1917

Improved and unimproved lands and buildings,	$692,551 00
114 horses,	10,889 00
2 asses and mules,	200 00
175 cows,	7,874 00
2 other neat stock,	76 00
1 hog,	26 00
Fowls,	760 00
Vehicles and automobiles,	16,350 00
Wood, lumber, etc., not stock in trade,	800 00
Municipal bonds and notes,	8,000 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,	2,192 00
Stock in trade,	23,650 00
Milling, carding machines and factories and their machinery,	21,000 00
Polls, number 309. Taxes, $618.	
	$784,368 00

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 13, 1917.

State tax,	$ 555 00
County tax,	1,365 82
Schools,	4,130 50
Town officers' salaries,	700 00
Town officers' expenses,	25 00
Expenses of Town Hall,	250 00
Fire Department,	250 00
Moth extermination,	130 00
Health Department,	50 00
State aid maintenance,	1,000 00
Highway appropriation,	1,093 55
Snow paths,	200 00
Water reservoir,	100 00
Street lighting,	600 00
Public library,	150 00
Memorial Day,	40 00
Interest,	850 00
State aid construction,	1,092 00
Town bond,	500 00
Haverhill Firemen's Relief Association,	100 00
Special state tax,	154 00
Overlay,	616 38
	$13,952 25

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1915.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes,		$292 70

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	$278 67	
By abatement,	14 03	
		$292 70
Interest collected and paid treasurer on 1915 taxes,		36 08

List of Abatements.

Brouillette, Joseph, taxed in Haverhill,	$ 2 00
Gouin, Henry, taxed in Haverhill,	2 00
Gouin, William, moved away,	2 00
Smith, Jesse A., moved away,	2 53
Webster, Charles E., deceased,	5 50
	$14 03

JOSEPH S. HILLS,
Collector.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1916.

Dr.

To uncollected taxes,		$2,668 19

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	$2,308 24	
By abatement,	20 66	
By uncollected taxes,	339 29	
		$2,668 19

Interest collected and paid treasurer on 1916 taxes,	123 16

List of Abatements.

Bergeron, Louis, moved away,	$ 2 00
Clark, Ernest H., deceased,	2 00
Deroche, Ferdinand, deceased,	2 00
Falmer, Harold, moved away,	2 00
Gouin, William, moved away,	2 00
Gould, Edmund B., moved away,	2 00
Leavitt, Cyrus B., deceased,	2 66
Parker, M. A., moved away,	2 00
Tobyne, Louis, moved away,	2 00
Currier, Oren N., paid in Eaton, N. H.,	2 00
	$20 66

JOSEPH S. HILLS,
Collector.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1917.

Dr.

To amount committed for collection,	$13,952 25

Cr.

By cash paid treasurer,	$11,251 03	
By abatement,	9 70	
By uncollected taxes,	2,691 52	
		$13,952 25
Interest collected and paid treasurer on 1917 taxes.		15 04

List of Abatements.

Clark, Ralph C., not in town,	$2 00
Currier, Irving N., under 21 years,	2 00
Dresser, Raymond, under 21 years,	2 00

George, Philip C., under 21 years,	2 00
Ellison, G. Herbert, overtaxed,	1 70
	$9 70

JOSEPH S. HILLS,
Collector.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT, JAN. 31, 1918.

To cash on hand Feb. 21, 1917,		$491 56
Received from Joseph S. Hills, taxes, 1915,	$ 278 67	
Received from Joseph S. Hills, taxes, 1916,	2,308 24	
Received from Joseph S. Hills, taxes, 1917,	11,251 03	
Received from Joseph S. Hills, interest,	174 24	
		14,012 18
State of New Hampshire, state highway,		2,414 84
Joseph S. Hills, dog licenses,		187 30
Joseph S. Hills, police court fines,		10 00
Haverhill National Bank, notes,		27,300 00
Mary E. Kelly, note,		800 00
Clark's Hill, highway subscription,		615 00
State Treasurer, insurance tax,		9 00
State Treasurer, railroad tax,		618 30
State Treasurer, savings bank tax,		34 73
State Treasurer, literary fund,		187 92
State Treasurer, school fund,		920 76
Town of Atkinson, labor and material on Noyes bridge,		17 63
County Treasurer, county poor,		4 00
State of New Hampshire, forest fire bills,		6 00
Walter E. Chase, rent of Town Hall,		31 00

Horace M. Kimball, rent of Town Hall,	4 00
George H. Tucker, rent of Town Hall,	17 00
	$47,681 22

ROY E. PEASLEE,
Treasurer.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$43,818 71	
Total disbursements,		$43,818 71
Balance in bank,	$3,844 85	
Balance on hand,	17 66	
		$3,862 51
		$47,681 22

ROY E. PEASLEE,
Treasurer.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE.

Money available	State	Town	Total
Appropriation, 1917,	$1,000 00	$1,000 00	$2,000 00
Extra appropriation,	185 01	169 37	354 38
	$1,185 01	$1,169 37	$2,354 38
Total expenditure,	1,185 01	1,169 37	2,354 38
Cash received from state,			556 74
Alden-Speares Sons Co., 45 per cent. asphalt,			628 27
Amount paid by state,			$1,185 01

Paid

Walter B. Angus, patrolman,	$ 546 97
Repair on crusher, supplies, coal and oil,	247 76
Labor, team and material,	931 38
Amount by town,	1,726 11
Cash received from state,	556 74
Net amount paid by town,	$1,169 37

TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION NEWTON ROAD.

Money available	State	Town	Total
Appropriation, 1917,	$1,092 00	$1,092 00	$2,184 00
Total expenditures,	777 09	777 10	1,554 19
Balance for 1918,	$314 91	$314 90	$629 81
Cash received from state,			$ 619 06
State paid for culverts,			158 03
Amount paid by state,			$ 777 09

Town paid for labor, teams and material,	$1,396 16
Cash received from state,	619 06
Net amount paid by town	$ 777 10

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION, CLARK HILL HIGHWAY.

	State	Town	Total
Appropriation, 1917,	$1,000 00	$1,000 00	$2,000 00

Cash received from state,		$ 811 12
State paid for culverts and engineering,		188 88
Amount paid by state,		$1,000 00
Town paid for labor, teams and material,		$2,068 10
Cash received from state,	$811 12	
Clark Hill highway, subscription list,	562 00	
Gravel and material sold,	53 00	
		$1,426 12
Net amount paid by town,		$ 641 88
Amount due as per Atkinson subscription list,		$ 30 00

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Plaistow, N. H., Feb. 23, 1918.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes for the year ending January 31, 1918, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for all expenditures.

FRED P. HILL,
CLIFTON E. COLLINS,
Auditors.

MOSES B. DOW FUND.

Plaistow, N. H., Jan. 31, 1918.

The trustees of the Moses B. Dow Fund have paid George M. Gates for caring for the two Dow lots in the Plaistow cemetery ($5.00) five dollars, leaving a balance in the hands of the trustees amounting to $214.56.

FRED P. HILL,
E. A. LANDMAN,
M. KIMBALL WENTWORTH,
Trustees.

DOG LICENSES.

62	male dogs for 1 year @ $2,	$124 00
15	female dogs for 1 year @ $5,	75 00
3	male dogs for 6 months @ $1,	3 00
1	male dog for 9 months @ $1.50,	1 50
—		$203 50
81	license fees @ 20c each,	16 20
		$187 30

A true record.

Attest: JOSEPH S. HILLS,
Town Clerk.

NEW HAMPSIHRE STATE TAX COMMISSION

Uniform Municipal Accounts

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Plaistow in Rockingham County for the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1918.

Certificate.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR W. SAWYER,
THEODORE FECTEAU,
WIILIAM P. WARNER,
Selectmen.

ROY E. PEASLEE,
Treasurer.

Dated January 31, 1918.

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.

Cash in hands of treasurer (Do not include sinking funds),	$3,862 51
Due from State and Town:	
Joint Highway Accounts, Unexpended Bal-	

ances in State Treasury,		314 91
Joint Highway Accounts, future taxes,		7,502 32
Due from County:		
Charles H. Buzzell,		4 00
Material and supplies, stone crusher,		1,800 00
Taxes not collected:		
Levy of 1916,		339 29
Levy of 1917,		2,691 52
Total assets,		$16,514 55
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt),		8,752 56
Grand total,		$25,267 11
Net debt—Surplus, February 15, 1917,	$8,804 23	
Net debt—Surplus, January 31, 1918,	8,752 56	
Increase—Decrease of debt, of surplus,	$ 51 67	

Liabilities.

Due to school districts, dog licenses,	$ 187 30
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
Unexpended balances in State Treasury,	314 91
Unexpended balances in Town Treasury,	314 90
Reservoir fund,	300 00
Sinking fund for bonds, 1920,	1,000 00
Street lighting,	50 00
Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	2,100 00
Outstanding temporary loans,	11,000 00
Bonds outstanding, town hall,	10,000 00
Total liabilities,	$25,267 11

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Receipts.

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Amount committed to collector,		$13,952 25
Less discounts and abatements,		9 70
Less uncollected,		2,691 52
Property and poll taxes, current year, actually collected,		11,251 03
Uncollected taxes of previous year,	$2,668 19	
Amounts outstanding,	292 70	
Abatements,	34 69	
Uncollected,	339 29	
		$ 2,586 91
From State:		
For state aid maintenance,	$ 556 74	
For state aid construction,	427 92	
For State aid construction, special,	811 12	
For trunk line construction,	619 06	
		$ 2,414 84
Insurance tax,		9 00
Railroad tax,		618 30
Savings bank tax,		34 73
Literary fund,		187 92
State aid for education,		920 76
From County:		
Fighting forest fires,		6 00
For support of poor,		4 00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		187 30
Fines and forfeits, municipal court,		10 00
Rent of town hall,		52 00
Interest received on taxes,		174 24

Clark Hill highway subscription,	615 00
Noyes Bridge from Town of Atkinson, N. H.,	17 63
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year,	28,100 00
	$47,189 66
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	491 56
Grand total,	$47,681 22

Payments.

Current Maintenance Expenses.

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries,	$ 676 25
Town officers' expenses,	89 77
Election and registration expenses,	42 00
Municipal court expenses,	6 55
Expenses town hall and buildings,	392 97
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department, including care of tramps,	18 50
Fire department, including forest fires,	320 75
Moth extermination,	135 00
Damage by dogs,	10 00
Health:	
Health department, including hospitals,	48 00
Vital statistics,	23 25
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	1,726 11
Trunk line maintenance, Sweet Hill highway liability last year,	110 10
Town maintenance,	768 78
Street lighting and sprinkling,	550 00
General expenses of highway, including watering troughs,	9 10
Education:	
Libraries,	150 00

Charities:		
Town poor,		52 91
County poor,		4 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Aid to G. A. R. and Memorial Day exercises,		40 00
Aid to soldiers and their families,		10 00
Unclassified:		
Town reports,		62 50
Firemen's Relief Association, Haverhill, Mass.,		100 00
		$ 5,346 54
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	$ 610 00	
Paid on bonded debt,	350 00	
Total interest payments,		960 00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and bridges—State Aid construction,	$2,068 10	
Highways and bridges—Trunk line construction,	1,396 16	
Total outlay payments,		3,464 26
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	$26,000 00	
Total indebtedness payments,		26,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to state,	$1,309 00	
Taxes paid to county,	1,365 82	
Payments to school districts,	5,373 09	
Total payments to other		

governmental divisions,	8,047 91
Total payments for all purposes,	$43,818 71
Cash on hand at end of year,	3,862 51
Grand total,	$47,681 22

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings,	$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	500 00
Libraries:	
Furniture and equipment,	900 00
Fire department, lands and buildings,	300 00
Equipment,	600 00
Highway department:	
Materials and supplies,	1,800 00
Total,	$29,100 00

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books issued by the Plaistow Public Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1918 are as follows:

Arts,	1
Biography,	47
Poetry,	31
Description,	65
Fiction,	5,266
History,	67
Literature,	23
Miscellaneous,	9
Natural Science,	52
Periodicals,	0
Religion,	3
Sociology,	8
Travel,	41
Useful Arts,	16
Reference,	52

Total number of books issued is 5,681. This is an increase of 1,090 books over the number issued last year, although this year is two weeks shorter than last.

Total number of new books added to the library this year is 167, made up as follows: Replacements, 31; purchase, 99; U. S. Government, 1; State of New Hampshire, 28; gift of Grace I. Noyes, 1; gift of Susan M. Clarke, 1; gift of Carnegie endowment, 6. Total number new cards issued, 62.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET T. RYDER,

Librarian.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

It is again our privilege to record a prosperous year in all matters pertaining to our town library. It has been for some time the purpose of the trustees and librarian to have some improvements made in the space allotted us for books in the Town Hall. Those improvements have been made, with the consent of the town authorities and the new shelves in the reading room and the changes made in the delivery room are proving very satisfactory. The interest in reading continues. Between seventy and eighty volumes have recently been added to the library, among them are several valuable biographical works. Thanking all our friends for their kindness and co-operation in our work this report is

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE L. DOW,
MAUD SMITH,
NELLIE G. HILLS,
Trustees.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	$ 74 24
Received from town treasurer,	150 00
Received from fines,	14 04
	$238 28

Cr.

By paying Margaret T. Ryder, librarian for 50 weeks,	$ 37 50
Margaret T. Ryder, for cataloging 166 books,	20 75
Mitchell & Co. for books,	141 49
J. S. Hills for insurance,	6 60
W. H. Ryder for labor on book shelves,	5 53

D. D. Chase Lumber Co., material for book shelves,	6 63
Hanscom Hardware Co. for material,	2 95
Trustees' car fares, buying books,	1 44
Librarian's car fares to attend library meeting at Derry,	1 50
Small flags for reading-room,	25
Express on books sent to Boston for soldiers,	48
Money order for the war library fund,	15
Desk supplies,	94
Balance in bank,	12 07
	$238 28

MAUD SMITH,
Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE

TOWN OF PLAISTOW

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1918.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Plaistow qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 16th day of March, 1918, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years and for one year.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools over and above the amount prescribed by law. Recommended $1,000.00.

8. To see if the district will raise $246.00 for salaries of district officers.

9. To see how much money the district will vote to raise for transporting the school childern. Recommended $840.00.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of $317.25 for interest on notes and bonds.

11. To see how much the district will vote to raise for medical inspection. Recommended $37.50.

12. To see how much the district will vote to raise for minor repairs. Recommended $85.00.

13 To see how much the district will vote to raise for books and supplies. Recommended $300.00.

14 To see how much the district will vote to raise for flags and appurtenances. Recommended $25.00.

15. To see how much the district will vote to raise for High School tuitions. Recommended $900.00.

16. To see how much the district will vote to raise to enlarge the Pollard School Building and provide equipment for same.

17. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to unite with one or more town districts or special districts to form a supervisory district for the purpose of employing a superintendent of the public schools therein, under the provisions of Chapter 77 of the Session Laws of New Hampshire, 1899, and to raise money to carry such vote into effect.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Plaistow, N. H. this 16th day of February, 1918.

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON,
MARGARET T. RYDER,
School Board.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Reports of this kind are both retrospective or historical and prospective or forward looking. As history is mainly useful as it points the lesson for the future, we wish to emphasize the **forward** look.

Probably the most potent single formative force in our democratic culture is the elementary public school. Therefore as we face the future it becomes of the utmost importance that we provide for our children the best possible elementary instruction. To that end the School Board make certain definite recommendations.

While our teachers are doing splendid individual work we feel that better results might be attained by placing them under a competent superintendent. We agree with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Butterfield, that "the superior merit of the supervised schools is so evident and so generally admitted that no argument is needed." Upon the urgent request of Mr. Butterfield we have caused to be inserted in the school warrant an article covering this proposition, and most earnestly urge its adoption.

Recommended by the School Board of 1916, urged by that of 1917, it now becomes imperative that Pollard School building be somehow enlarged. The overcrowding that has existed in the past grows steadily worse each succeeding year, and we feel that some immediate action should be taken looking to permanent relief from a condition so inimical to the educational interest of the community. We do not believe that there is anything to be gained by longer deferring an improvement that ought to have been undertaken long ago. If you as parents and

citizens of Plaistow are vitally concerned about the proper education of your children, you will insist upon getting action upon this matter at once.

A modern encyclopedia and a standard unabridged dictionary ought to be provided for the Pollard School as a foundation for a reference library to which other reference books might from time to time be added.

The Westville School continues to maintain its traditional high rank.

Viewing the Public Library as an educational auxiliary we would like to see the library made accessible to the school children at more frequent intervals than at present.

The troublesome question of transportation is of course perennial. While there have been complaints, we feel that we are doing about all that can be done under the appropriation.

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Arthur G. Pollard of Lowell for a beautiful new flag for the Pollard School building, as well as for other tokens of his continual kindly and thoughtful interest in our schools.

Owing to the fuel shortage and to the unusual severity of the winter there have arisen some rather trying situations with which we have been obliged to contend. The fact too that we were unexpectedly and regretfully compelled to accept the resignation of Mr. William P. Warner, Jr., as chairman and member of the board, naturally added to our difficulties. Under these circumstances we have presumed so far as to rely upon the kindly indulgence of our fellow citizens.

JOSEPH W. C. IBBOTSON,
Acting Chairman.

MARGARET T. RYDER,
Secretary.

STATEMENT.

Plaistow School District.

Receipts and Expenses, Feb. 15, 1917 to Jan. 31, 1918.

Note: In accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 122, Laws of 1917, the school fiscal year ends Aug. 31, 1918.

Receipts.

General fund, cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	$ 940 90
Above amount prescribed by law,	1,000 00
For salary of district officers,	164 00
Transportation,	600 00
Interest on notes and bonds,	211 50
Medical inspection,	25 00
Minor repairs,	50 00
Books and supplies,	225 00
High School and Academy tuition,	700 00
Amount prescribed by law,	1,155 00
Received from State Treasurer:	
Literary fund,	187 92
State aid for average attendance,	432 00
State aid for qualified teachers,	406 00
State aid for tuition rebate,	82 76
For dog licenses,	133 91
	$6,313 99

Expenses.

Acct. No.		
1	Salaries of school board,	$ 93 72
2	Clerical expenses of school board,	16 51

3	Salaries of other district officers,	34 00
6	Truant officer and school census,	30 00
7	Other expenses of administration,	31 73
8	Principal's and other teachers' salaries,	2,360 50
10	Text books,	141 71
12	Scholars' supplies,	64 26
14	Graduation exercises and exhibits,	21 41
15	Other expenses of instruction,	2 19
16	Janitor service,	274 00
18	Fuel,	246 96
20	Light and power,	13 75
22	Building and janitor's supplies,	24 70
23	Minor repairs of buildings and upkeep of grounds,	23 25
24	Repairs and replacement of equipment,	3 50
25	Other expenses of operation and maintenance,	6 91
28	Transportation of pupils,	783 50
30	High School and Academy tuition,	794 30
33	Insurance,	92 20
44	Interest,	211 50
		$5,270 60

Receipts to Jan. 31, 1918,	6,313 99
Expense to Jan. 31, 1918,	5,270 60
Balance general fund cash on hand,	$1,043 39

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

To the School Board and Citizens of Plaistow:—

Herewith I submit my third annual report.

In looking over the registers and remembering the conditions existing a year ago, I regret to say that the same congestion is found at the Pollard School at present.

Certainly, I hope that you as parents of the children who attend our school will see to it that relief of some sort is provided. The rooms most crowded are those containing grades I and II, also V and VI.

We have, at the request of Miss Nina Cohen, supplied an assistant, Miss Marion Thompson, who is now in charge of grade II. Both teachers are doing splendid and efficient work, particularly true when we realize both work in the same room at the same time.

Miss Jessie Cushman is doing very thorough and faithful work in grades III and IV. But of the room accommodating grades V and VI I wish to speak more in detail.

By the resignation of Miss Margaret Hansberry last spring, the school lost a most earnest and faithful teacher. This year Miss Beulah Averill has charge of these grades (V and VI). She too, is a faithful teacher, working under many difficulties.

Anyone who understands the relation of child life with school life must realize that the fifth grade is the turning point, as it were, in the mental and physical development of the child—a period when individual help and attention is essential toward a complete and full

knowledge of facts to be gained in following years. No teacher, regardless of salary or efficiency, can possibly give the personal attention necessary when that teacher has two grades to plan for, and sixty or more pupils in charge. The point of discipline too is another matter which might well be discussed.

Let me urge then, that this matter be not deferred longer, but that definite action be taken at once to relieve conditions.

At Westville, Miss Mina Blanchard is still doing her usual energetic work.

Another question for you as citizens of Plaistow to discuss is this: Does Plaistow need a superintendent? Surely this is becoming a more vital question every year. Compare your town with towns that have supervision and then decide—which is better equipped, in which does the co-operative spirit shine out more, in which is the standard of scholarship higher?

Before closing, allow me at this time to thank you, as members of the School Board, also as parents of our boys and girls, for the hearty co-operation and many kindnesses shown.

Following is a brief report which may be interesting. This includes a year's report from September, 1916 to June, 1917:

	Pollard	Westville
Number pupils enrolled,	205	45
Average attendance,	158.73	36.48
Average absence,	13.29	2.49
Average membership,	172.02	38.97
Per cent. attendance,	.92	.93
Pupils not absent nor tardy,	12	2

Respectfully submitted,

ELSIE A. SILVER,

Principal.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Dr.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917,	$ 940 90
Received from town treasurer,	4,130 50
Received from state treasurer,	1,108 68
Received from dog licenses,	133 91
	$6,313 99

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By paying orders,	$5,270 60
Balance on hand,	1,043 39
	6,313 99

ROY E. PEASLEE,
Treasurer School District.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Plaistow, N. H., Feb. 23, 1918.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board for the year ending Jan. 31, 1918, and find the same to be correct and properly vouched for all expenditures.

FRED P. HILL,
CLIFTON E. COLLINS,
Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE

TOWN OF PLAISTOW

1917

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1917.

Date	Name of Child	Sex	No. of Children	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 29	Iriving Elsworth Peaslee	M	2	John Wm. Peaslee	Agnes Colby
Feb. 10	Flavis Beverly Faxon	F	8	Albert S. Faxon	Lena A. Moulton
Feb. 20	Helen Elizabeth Philbrick	F	1	Eugene A. Philbrick	Lizzie Elvira Pickard
Feb. 23	Edgar Alfred Cotta	M	5	Alfred J. Cotta	Sarah Bolduc
Mar. 4	John Samuel Shaw	M	6	William Shaw	Florence Carr
Mar. 10	Vernon Francis Cheney	M	2	Merle Cheney	Jeanette D. Gebow
Mar. 26	Edward Wentworth Hill	M	4	George A. Hill	Jennie Collins
Mar. 29	Joseph Edward Gaudette	M	8	William Gaudette	Celina Saulnier
April 11	Hamparcum Yasaian	M	2	Yasa Yasaian	Maritza Yeramian
April 11	Rita Mary Evon Duport	F	3	Zotique Dupont	Alberta Desmarais
April 14	Gladys Elizabeth Dresser	F	1	Raymond G. Dresser	Hazel Gale
April 29	Francis Vincent Kelleher	M	5	Daniel J. Kelleher	Jennie A. Jones
May 5	Margarite Jeanette Belanger	F	4	Joseph J. Belanger	Mary Emma Brouillette
May 13	———Lefebore	M	5	George Lefebore	Lillian Fecteau
		Stillborn			
June 20	Mary Alice E. Bonenfant	F	4	Emile Bonenfant	Emma Gilbert
July 5	Harold Leslie Gebow	M	2	Herbert Leslie Gebow	Hazel Gray
July 12	Amy Carleton Robinson	F	9	Harry F. Robinson	Jessie L. Williams
July 23	Bruno Dupras	M	2	J. Bruno Dupras	Eva A. Fecteau
July 28	Alfred Gail Merritt	M	3	William O. Merritt	Adelaide Clyde Fuller
Aug. 6	Ilene Natalie Currier	F	1	Roland F. Currier	Ida M. Walton
Aug. 6	Herbert Eaton Duffill, Jr.	M	1	Herbert E. Duffill	Donna S. Hall
Aug. 18	Marion Tozier	F	3	Clyde M. Tozier	Ethel B. Ward
Sept. 21	Constant Alvina Sargent	F	14	George M. Sargent	Susan Kent
Oct. 11	Alice Beatrice Collins	F	6	Eugene F. Collins	Lydia M. LeClaire
Oct. 21	Duncan Norris Tozier	M	3	William M. Tozier	Hattie E. B. Hall
Nov. 11	Adelaida Maslowski	F	7	Adam Maslowski	Mary Glushak
Nov. 12	Philip Collins George, Jr.	M	2	Philip C. George	Elsie L. Huse
Dec. 11	Sumner Daggett Sprague	M	2	Adelbert D. Sprague	Mary K. McLaughlin

A true record. Attest:—JOSEPH S. HILLS, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1917.

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence	Age	Birthplace	By Whom Married and Residence
Jan. 10	Byron S. Craggy	Danville, N. H.	40	Wilmot, N. H.	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman
	Catherine Agnes Carey	Plaistow, N. H.	20	West Medway, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Jan. 13	Edgar P. Cate	Haverhill, Mass.	25	Bradford, Mass.	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman
	Barbara A. Corwin	West Newbury, Mass.	22	Jamesport, N. Y.	Plaistow, N. H.
Jan. 21	Harris Fenlason	Plaistow, N. H.	23	Lewiston, Maine	Joseph S. Hills, Justice of the Peace
	Elsie V. Godfrey	Portsmouth, N. H .	18	Greenland, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.
Jan. 27	Ira E. Ball	Haverhill, Mass.	21	South Berwick, Maine	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman
	Leslie E. Potts	No. Berwick, Me.	18	North Berwick, Me.	Plaistow, N. H.
Feb. 12	Irving N. Currier	Plaistow, N. H.	20	Eaton, N. H.	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman
	Annie M. Holgate	Plaistow, N. H.	22	Lawrence, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Feb. 17	Walter Roy Porter	Haverhill, Mass.	25	Dover, N. J.	James M. Gage, Clergyman
	Mildred Hamilton Greene	Haverhill, Mass.	20	Norway, Maine	Manchester, N. H.
April 14	Carl Rodney Nilsson	Plaistow, N. H.	36	Newton Junction, N. H.	J. H. Dikson, Clergyman
	Addie Bradeen Bodkin	Manchester, N. H.	36	Somersworth, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.
April 28	Allan W. Sawyer	Plaistow, N. H.	22	Plaistow, N. H.	Joseph Kimball, Clergyman
	Mildred E. Howe	Plaistow, N. H.	16	Newburyport, Mass.	Atkinson, N. H.
May 26	Albert B. Foster	Plaistow, N. H.	29	North Yarmouth, Maine	Christopher R. Hamlin, Clergyman
	Helena F. Rich	Plaistow, N. H.	27	North Harpswell, Maine	Haverhill, Mass.
July 1	Jesse R. Smith	Holliston, Mass.	35	Nashua, N. H.	Joseph S. Hills, Justice of the Peace
	Bertha M. Heil	Long Island, N. Y.	36	Eastport, Long Island	Plaistow, N. H.
July 16	Abram C. Littlefield	Haverhill, Mass.	31	Rowley, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Justice of the Peace
	Rosanna C. Lucier	Plaistow, N. H.	30	Plaistow, N. H.	Plaistow, N. H.
July 18	Wallace I. Hitchcock ..	Haverhill, Mass.	21	Haverhill, Mass.	Asa A. Morrison, Clergyman
	Retta M. Bushee	Haverhill, Mass.	20	Haverhill, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.
Aug. 21	George Walter Roberts	Haverhill, Mass.	26	Raymond, N. H.	Joseph S. Hills, Justice of the Peace
	Lillian B. Alley	Haverhill, Mass.	46	Parsonsfield, Maine	Plaistow, N. H.

MARRIAGES (Continued)

Aug. 18	James C. McIntosh	Cleveland, Ohio	24 Cleveland, Ohio	Christopher R. Hamlin, Clergyman	
	Helen Elizabeth Bailey	Groveland, Mass.	18 Haverhill, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.	
Sept. 2	Arthur C. Doe	Haverhill, Mass.	20 Haverhill, Mass.	Christopher R. Hamlin, Clergyman	
	Beatrice May Bourque	Haverhill, Mass.	23 Haverhill, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.	
Sept. 11	Wesley Scott Merrill	Haverhill, Mass.	35 Goffstown, N. H.	Joseph S. Hills, Justice of the Peace	
	Catherine Dewyer	Danvers, Mass.	34 Ireland	Plaistow, N. H.	
Oct. 9	Harry Lee Reynolds	Haverhill, Mass.	30 Moravia, N. Y.	Wm. Weston Patton, Clergyman	
	Sally Tyler Barrows	Plaistow, N. H.	33 Haverhill, Mass.	Haverhill, Mass.	
Oct. 27	Peter J. Fyfe	Haverhill, Mass.	31 Scotland	Joseph S. Hills, Justice of the Peace	
	Margaret D. Wentworth	Haverhill, Mass.	29 Haverhill, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.	
Dec. 3	William P. Warner, Jr.	Plaistow, N. H.	29 Candia, N. H.	Chellis V. Smith, Clergyman	
	Lula Adella Sargent	Plaistow, N. H.	30 Pembroke, N. H.	Somerville, Mass.	
Dec. 20	Lawrence H. Nagle	Haverhill, Mass.	30 Haverhill, Mass.	Joseph S. Hills, Notary Public	
	Addie M. Keohane	Haverhill, Mass.	31 Haverhill, Mass.	Plaistow, N. H.	

A true record. Attest:—JOSEPH S. HILLS, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF PLAISTOW FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1917.

Date	Name	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Cause of Death	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 6	Louis Henry Leavitt	0	1	22	Undeveloped Intestinal Glands	Henry O. Leavitt	Mary E. Legault
Jan. 6	Cyrus D. Trull	68	10	15	Pleuro Pneumonia, Lobar	David Trull	Fidelia Richardson
Jan. 16	Ellen Duffill	80	7	16	Bronchial Pneumonia	John Thomas	Ann Thomas
Jan. 29	Chester Collins	0	10	8	Broncho Pneumonia	Eugene F. Collins	Lydia M. Leclaire
Jan. 31	Almira J. Eaton	73	8	22	Insanity	Daniel Eaton	Louise Hadley
Feb. 7	William H. Ball	85	1	2	Senile Debility	Aaron Ball	Betsey Brown
Mar. 6	Raymond R. L. Desmarais	0	9	6	Grip	Louis Desmarais	Priscilla Marcotte
Mar. 10	Richard Brunell	77	5	4	Apoplexy	Emanuel Brunell	Nancy S. Quimby
Mar. 14	Jonathan Edward Hardy	87	7	0	Senile Debility	Peter Hardy	Barbara Shirley
Mar. 21	Abbie J. Davis	50	2	13	Acute Dilatation of Stomach	Albert De F. Palmer	Abbie Jordan
April 4	Fredinand Derochers	58			Pneumonia	Ferdinand Derochers	
April 13	Octave Dupont	72	9	23	Fall From Building	Andre Dupont	Clarise Denoncour
April 24	Clyde Leavitt	16	10	9	Post Partum Hemorrage	Cyrus B. Leavitt	Ida H. Pollard
May 13	Lillian Lefebore	36	9	13	Pneumonia, Lobar	Theodore Fecteau	Delia Fountaine
May 13	———Lefebore	0	0	0	Stillborn	George Lefebore	Lillian Fecteau
May 29	Woodbury D. Collins	68	7	3	Progressive Muscular Atrophy	Levi Collins	Armantha Towle
June 8	Abner C. Akeley	67	3	18	Struck by Railroad Train	Isaiah Akeley	Elizabeth Batchelder
July 3	Thomas Coleell	5	1	19	Typhoid Fever		Margaret Coleell
July 2	George W. Heath	81	2	20	Intestinal Obstruction Voloulas	James Heath	Huldah Kimball
July 15	Fidelia Currier	72	1	15	Mitral Regurgitation	Warren D .Allard	Mary Thurston
Aug. 18	Sarah Warner Judson	71	0	7	Apoplexy		
Oct. 17	Lena M. Harris	62	7	7	Cancer of Intestines	Joseph Whitten	Lorette Swain
Nov. 25	Ellen Newcomb	61			Pneumonia, Lobar	Michael Donovan	———Clifford
Nov. 27	Eliza M. French	55	0	27	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	W. H. Judkins	Mary Winn
Dec. 18	Stephen Slimas	17	0	1	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	John Slimas	Bessie Laukuski

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